Amendments to the Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A loudspeaker comprising:
- a magnetic circuit having a magnetic gap;
- a frame coupled to the magnetic circuit;
- a voice coil having a first end positioned in the magnetic gap and a second end opposite to the first end, the voice coil having a center axis provided through the first end and the second end; and

a diaphragm coupled to the second end of the voice coil and the frame, the diaphragm having a first portion in which the center axis of the voice coil is provided, the first portion of the diaphragm being provided inside the voice coil, the diaphragm further having a second portion outside the voice coil.

wherein one of the first portion and the second portion of the diaphragm has a cross section in a plane including the center axis, and the cross section of the one of the first portion and the second portion of the diaphragm has an elliptic-arc shape is shaped as an arc of a non-circular ellipse.

- 2. (Currently amended) The loudspeaker according to claim 1, wherein the other of the first portion and the second portion of the diaphragm includes
- a third portion having a cross section in the plane including the center axis, the cross section of the third portion including a first arc, and
- a fourth portion having a cross section in the plane including the center axis, the cross section of the fourth portion including a second arc having a radius larger than a radius of the first arc, the fourth portion adjoining the third portion and being farther from the second end of the voice coil than the third portion.
- 3. (Currently amended) The loudspeaker according to claim 1, wherein <u>the</u> other of the first portion and the second portion of the diaphragm has a cross section in the plane

including the center axis, and the cross section of the other of the first portion and the second portion of the diaphragm-has an elliptic arc shape is shaped as an arc of a non-circular ellipse.

- 4. (Original) The loudspeaker according to claim 1, wherein the diaphragm comprises resin material.
- 5. (Original) The loudspeaker according to claim 1, wherein the diaphragm further has a guide coupled with the second end of the voice coil.
- 6. (Original) The loudspeaker according to claim 1, wherein the diaphragm has a groove to which the second end of the voice coil is inserted.
- 7. (Original) The loudspeaker according to claim 1, wherein the first portion of the diaphragm has a dent formed therein.

Claims 8-21 (Cancelled)